

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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For: HEATING-TYPE BALLOON
CATHETER DEVICE, AND ELASTIC
TUBE DEVICE AND VIBRATOR
DEVICE FOR THE CATHETER
DEVICE

Examiner: Jaymi E. Della

Group Art Unit: 3739

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed September 7, 2010, applicant elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-10, for prosecution at this time, *with traverse*.

The Examiner admits that claims 1-10 in Group I and claims 11-14 in Group II all recite an elastic tube but contends that this feature is not a special feature under PCT Rule 13.2 because the Eshel reference discloses this feature. However, the Examiner has failed to analyze the claimed configuration of margin volume part (claim 1) and the claimed indicators (claim 11). Applicant believes these features distinguish the claimed invention over Eshel. Accordingly, claims 1-14 should be examined together because claims are patentable over Eshel due to the claimed features of the elastic tube.


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for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952**, referencing Docket No. **360882016200**.

Respectfully submitted,

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